

School Board Work Session Highlights

September 10, 2018

*Great Valley School District
Office of the School Board Secretary*



DURING THE September 10, 2018 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President David Barratt. Board members **present:** Jennifer Armstrong, Ellen Behrle, Amy Chain, Philip Foret, Stephanie Gunderson, Bryan Paluch, and Mary Ravenfeld. **Absent:** Samantha Jouin

Mr. Barratt read a statement from the Board in reference to negotiations with the Great Valley Education Association.

Student Representative to the Board

Millie Field reported that a meeting was held to discuss new members for the Wall of Fame. A decision was made on which nominees will be inducted. She also announced that plans for October 15 Homecoming activities are underway.

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky began the [presentation](#) by speaking about the opening of the 2018-2019 school year. She then reported the following student and staff items of note:

- Current 7th grader **Brighton Risch** was selected as a top 300 in Broadcom MASTERS, the national middle school science fair.
- **Dr. Capetola** and **Jamie Mozzone** are offering a voluntary HS Staff book club for the 2018-2019 school year in conjunction with this year's High School theme, "**Learning and Growing Together**".
- Great Valley High School student, **Jack Schadl**, worked with KDM elementary school and created a Kindness mural for his Eagle Scout project.

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky stated that the District will begin the distribution of a monthly e-newsletter this year. The District is also forming a Safety Council this year to provide a forum in which Great Valley stakeholders can identify, discuss, and offer consideration about issues related to school safety. Lastly, Dr. Speaker Palubinsky reviewed a list of upcoming events.

Program

Discussion

Mr. Linderman gave a [report](#) on the September 6, 2018 3rd Day Enrollment. He stated that actual enrollment was about 62 students over the projection. He reported that enrollments at K.D. Markley and General Wayne Elementary are almost identical which was the goal of the elementary boundary realignment. He spoke briefly about the class sizes. Mr. Linderman stated that he and the Superintendent would be meeting with the township supervisors sometime in October to share projections.

Dr. Speaker Palubinsky provided information about the contract with the *Be Part of the Conversation* speaker series. The goal of the programs being offered is to increase awareness in the areas of mental health and emotional safety. Costs are offset by Title IV funds.

Information

Monthly Enrollment Report will begin in October.

Policy

Information

Mrs. Gunderson reported that the next Policy Committee meeting will be held on September 11 at 7:30 a.m. She stated that the Committee will be reviewing the 600 Series of policies.

Facilities

Discussion

Mr. Linderman spoke about the proposal to replace the exterior cameras at the high school and middle school. He also provided information about the renewal agreement with 3B Services to perform cleaning of boilers and hot water heaters.

Information

[Use of Buildings Report](#) – August 2018

Finance

Discussion

Mr. Linderman stated that the following finance items will be listed for approval at the September business meeting:

- Proposed Building and Department Budgets
- Blackboard, Inc. Software Agreement Renewal
- Renewal of Cisco Smartnet Annual Switch License
- Data Center Annual Maintenance Renewal
- Contract with Emily Torchiana
- Approved Private School Contracts with Pathway School and Capstone
- Official Act 1 Index – Release by PDE is pending

Information

Monthly Reports

[Staffing Report](#) – September 2018
[YTD Spending Report](#) – August 2018

Other Items

Mrs. Behrle stated that the vote for PSBA officers will be taken at the September 17th business meeting. She will be bringing a recommendation to the board. Information on all candidates is available in BoardDocs. Any questions should be directed to Mrs. Behrle prior to the business meeting. Mr. Linderman, as the authorized Great Valley official, will register the vote with PSBA.

Draft Agenda

Mr. Barratt stated that the draft agenda of the September 17th business meeting is available to the board for review.

Public Comments

The following residents spoke in support of the teachers in light of contract negotiations:
S. Campbell, L. Kraus, J. Velez



Executive Session

Mr. Barratt announced that the board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Adjournment

Seeing no further comments or questions, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.